

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3480

To direct the United States Sentencing Commission to assure appropriate enhancements of those involved in receiving stolen property where that property consists of grave markers of veterans, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2007

Mr. CARNEY (for himself, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. McDERMOTT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Let Our Veterans Rest
5 in Peace Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND DECLARATION.**

7 The Congress finds and declares that—

1 (1) every cemetery should do all it can to pro-
2 tect grave markers, headstones, monument or any
3 other object intended to permanently mark a grave;

4 (2) every citizen of the United States should be
5 watchful and mindful of these crimes and report any
6 suspicious behavior to their local or state police; and

7 (3) all citizens, especially veterans, have earned
8 the right to rest in peace.

9 **SEC. 3. DIRECTION TO THE SENTENCING COMMISSION.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Pursuant to its authority under
11 section 994 of title 28, United States Code, the United
12 States Sentencing Commission shall review and amend the
13 Federal sentencing guideline to provide a sentencing en-
14 hancement for any offense involving the desecration, theft,
15 or trafficking in, a grave marker, monument, headstone
16 or any other object intended to permanently mark a vet-
17 eran’s grave.

18 (b) COMMISSION DUTIES.—In carrying out this sec-
19 tion, the Sentencing Commission shall ensure that the sen-
20 tences, guidelines, and policy statements relating to of-
21 fenders convicted of these offenses are—

22 (1) appropriately severe; and

23 (2) reasonably consistent with other relevant di-
24 rectives and other Federal sentencing guidelines.

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